

AUT. stamp should have period after T

David Malyon, who is leading the project to produce a new catalog of the Perfins of Hungary, has responded to our question about the AUT. perfin discussed in Bob Schwerdt's article in the July/August *Bulletin*.

Schwerdt noted that the AUT. perfins on the cover he has all have a period after the T while the illustrations in earlier articles had no such period.



Malyon says all the AUT. patterns definitely had the period and the illustrations in earlier articles were incorrect.

He also had this to say about the AUT. perfins.

They are found only on the 10-filler Turul series of stamps, were used only by postal workers, and none were ever sold over the counter. That last statement may not be entirely true, as Schwerdt's cover indicated.

Malyon sent along an illustration of a postman using one of the machines that applied the special stamps. He says the machines were in use only from July 1906 to February 1907 and that records show that only 500 stamps were used during that period. Postal customers said it was an annoyance rather than a convenience to use the machines.

The last recorded price paid for an AUT. on cover: 16,000 Swiss francs, or about \$10,000.

